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THE CANAL, AND THE TWO COUNTRIES WOULD THEN NEGOTIATE THE DETAILS. THE NEW CANAL WORKS WOULD BE INITIATED WITHIN 20 YEARS FROM THE SIGNING OF THE TREATY.

IN GENERAL, THE ADVISORY TEAM HAS STUCK CLOSELY TO THE POSITIONS PRESSED BY PANAMA DURING THE LAST DECADE OF NEGOTIATIONS. MANY OF THEIR PROPOSALS PARALLEL PROVISIONS IN THE DRAFT TREATIES DRAWN UP BY THE US AND PANAMA IN 1967 WHICH NEITHER GOVERNMENT ~~WAS~~ RATIFIED. THE PANAMANIANS SUGGESTED A JOINT COMMISSION TO ADMINISTER THE CANAL PROBABLY BECAUSE THEY RECOGNIZE THAT THE US WILL INSIST ON CONTROL OF CANAL OPERATIONS FOR THE DURATION OF A TREATY, AND THE COMMISSION WOULD GIVE PANAMA AT LEAST A VOICE.

GIVING THE US 20 YEARS TO START EXPANSION OF THE PRESENT CANAL OR POSSIBLY THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SEA-LEVEL CANAL--IS CONSISTENT WITH PANAMA'S DESIRE THAT THE TREATY COVERING THE PRESENT CANAL SHOULD EXPIRE BEFORE THE TURN OF THE CENTURY. THE TEAM'S RECOMMENDATION FOR A TREATY IS ONLY PART OF THE STRATEGY TAG AND GENERAL TORRIJOS WILL CONTINUE IN FORMULATING THEIR FINAL POSITION FOR NEGOTIATIONS WITH AMBASSADOR GUNKER. E-2 IMPDET.

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